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Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

## Dear Administrator:

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Fisher's petition to amend Federal Regulation SEC. 571.209 Standard No. 209, Seat Belt Assemblies.

There are laws in 49 states and the District of Columbia that require seat belt use, yet there is no federal regulation that requires vehicle manufacturers to make seat belt assemblies that fit people who weigh over 215 pounds. What good are stringent safety requirements if we cannot fasten our seat belts?

I support the common sense requirement that seatbelts should fit anyone who can fit in the car.

Please amend 49CFR571.209 to provide a means for large people to buckle their seat belts in vehicles they are riding in.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Halperin